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Title: The Fear of Dragons

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My name is JetStream. I have lived in Britania now for over a year. And throughout my journeys one task was put above the rest. Slaying a dragon! As I grew stronger throughout this last year I gradually became more and more interested in slaying one of the "winged beasts", as I heard them called. I heard so many tales throughout this year. Above all I heard that dragons were the most evil creatures to walk the land of Britania. I heard rumors of people slaying them, yet I had never even seen one, and I began doubting if the mythical dragons existed at all. Then one hot summer day as I was walking through the forests in the southern region of the land I found myself face to face with a giant winged red lizard. The moment I walked up to it I froze. I could hear it's every breath. Luckily I was able to take cover and hide under some near by brush. My heart raced as the hellish creature paced back and forth taking ever so heavy breathes.

With each breath of the dragon my heart raced faster. My Palms grew damp and sweat dripped from my brow. I could hear the kindling flames from the beast's belly. I lay there silent for what felt to be an eternity. Then finally the beast spread it's enormous wings, let out a fierce roar and took to the sky over the southern mountain range. This was my first encounter with a dragon, but by far not my last. The picture of that day still remains embedded deep within my memory. For that day I truly knew what fear was. It took long to recover from that experience, but as time past and as I grew stronger I felt it was time to overcome my fear and vanquish a dragon. I walked to my house dawned my best armor, filled my bag with reagents, and grabbed my well-trusted bardiche. I set out to the south in search of the hellish lizard. As I approached the mountains of the south I could feel the adrenaline rushing throughout my body. I continued along the mountain and noticed an opening in its side. I approached the entrance to what seemed to be a cave and I heard the familiar sound of a dragons roar. I grasped my bardiche tight and proceeded into the dragon's lair. Right

away I could smell death, the aroma of decaying corpses filled the air and made my stomach turn. As I walked deeper into this vast underground my every muscle in my body tightened. Then as I turned a corner there it was an enormous red dragon. This time I was ready. I propped my bardiche back and prepared to swing. All of a strange feeling filled my body. "Why am I slaying this beast?" I thought to myself. Never have I seen a dragon do harm to anyone, yet people constantly harass them. I stopped in the middle of my swing and dropped my bardiche to the dungeon floor. I looked the dragon in the eye. It gazed back and almost seemed to know what I was thinking. As the beast stared me in the eye I couldn't help but to see its intelligence. This was no ferocious monster that was going to destroy Britania. This creature was amazing. From that day forth I had a new respect for dragons. On the contrary to myth and tall tales, dragons are not evil. They are the noblest creatures in this world. Never again did I fear dragons, nor did I have even a remote desire to slay them. For on that day I swore to defend the dragons of this land till air no longer filled my lungs. By defending dragons I

have found meaning in my life in this world. I hope that you to can someday learn to appreciate the beauty of dragons.